

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(HON. THOMAS J. WHELAN)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERNESTO FLORES BLANCO,

Defendant.

Criminal No. 07-CR-3405-W

2/11/08
Date: January, 2008

Time: 2:00 p.m.

DECLARATION

I, Ernesto Flores Blanco, declare:

1. I am the defendant in the above-captioned case pending before the Court;

2. This declaration is made in support of my motion to suppress statements and to suppress any evidence obtained after my warrantless arrest;

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3. I live about two block from the U.S./Mexico border in Calexico, California;

4. It is common to see border patrol agents in my neighborhood at all hours of the day and night;

5. On the evening of December 9, 2007 I was out and about in my neighborhood visiting friends, taking one neighbor's garbage out to the street as he was out of town and I

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was doing him a favor; because the garbage is collected on Monday morning
this was on First Street;

6. I also went out to see another friend and neighbor and that is when I was arrested by border patrol agents

7. I was not near the area where agents later said they arrested an undocumented person;

8. I was not engaged in assisting any undocumented people to come from Mexico to the United States;

9. On the night of my arrest, a Sunday night, after my arrest I was kept in a cell with no windows and could not tell what day or what time it was;

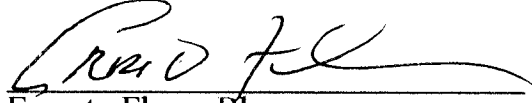
10. From the time of my arrest and for the following two days I was in custody before

1 being taken to court, the only thing I was given to eat was a bean burrito and some capri sun.

2 11. Officers would not let me sleep before
3 questioning me.

4 12. Officers also stripped searched me
5 and humiliated me for no reason.

6 Date: January 18, 2008

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8 Ernesto Flores Blanco